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I find this entire case against Microsoft ridiculous. Just close the books on it and quit wasting my tax dollars.

What type of car do you drive? Does it have a built in heater for your comfort? Air conditioner? How about a radio? Cup holders? You see, if I apply the same logic the DOJ used in this case against Microsoft your vehicle shouldn't have these things at all. A car is nothing more than a platform and as such automobile manufacturers have had an unfair competitive advantage to add these things to their default platform; they should have been stopped from doing so years ago. Just think of the companies squeezed out of business when the auto manufacturers added cup holders to automobiles a couple of years ago? How much revenue did the local gas station lose when people quit buying cup holders? Forget that it makes sense for a cup holder to be an integrated part of your interior and that a 3rd party add-on that hangs from a vent or a window crack is ugly, ill fitting, and gets in the way: It's wrong and the DOJ should have stopped the automobile manufacturers from using their platform in a monopolistic way against these poor third party vendors. Yah, right...

Look guys as stupid as this sounds it's the very same thing with Microsoft and this case. All these features they Microsoft is accused of adding where things that customers asked them to make part of the operating platform for better integration and for a more streamlined and pleasurable customer experience. It is nothing different than what Ford does every day when it makes a design decision for one of its new cars.

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